

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 USC 102 (b) as anticipated Gelorme. Applicants respectfully traverse.

As now amended the claims are directed to an encapsulant composition comprising diacrylate monomers selected from the group consisting of tricyclodecane dimethanol diacrylate, dicyclopentenyl acrylate, dicyclopentenyl methacrylate, hydroxypivalaldehyde modified trimethylolpropane diacrylate and mixtures thereof.

Applicants believe the Examiner is mistaken in that the Gelorme reference discloses diacrylates. Applicants note that a tri-acrylate and a tetra-acrylate are disclosed, but these are neither the same nor equivalent to a diacrylate. A diacrylate would give a less branched polymer after polymerization than either a tri- or tetra-acrylate. Moreover, the tri- and tetra-acrylates disclosed in Gelorme are supposed to be used as photoinitiators

Applicants also believe that the Examiner is mistaken in that the Gelorme reference discloses treated silica. The Gelorme examples use CAB-O-SIL M-5®, which is an untreated fumed silica. The examples in the instant application use CAB-O-SIL TS-720®, which is a treated fumed silica. Pages from the website of Cabot Corp are enclosed for the Examiner's information.

Applicants urge that the claims are not anticipated by Gelorme because Gelorme does not disclose the use of diacrylates or of a treated silica and respectfully request the Examiner to remove the rejection and issue an allowance.